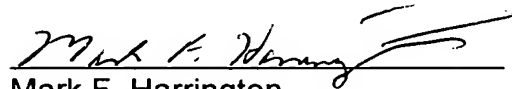


**REMARKS**

This amendment cancels claims 24-26 without prejudice or disclaimer. The amendment was not made for reasons related to patentability, and the full range of equivalents for all of the elements of claims, should remain intact.

A favorable consideration that results in the allowance of all of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

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